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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION: JULY 3, 1978, 1800 HOURS LOCAL

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1. STEADY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND SOME ARTILLERY FIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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TINUE IN THE EAST BEIRUT AREA. AT ABOUT 13:15 HOURS, TWO
ROUNDS IMPACTED AT THE PORT. ONE OF THE ADI-FINANCED WARE-
HOUSES WAS DESTROYED BY EARLIER SHELLING, ACCORDING TO AN
EYE-WITNESS. AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS ROCKET OR MORTAR ROUNDS
(PROBABLY STRAYS) IMPACTED IN THE WEST BEIRUT NEIGHBORHOOD OF
SANAYA. ACCORDING TO A DOCTOR, "THREE AMBULANCE LOADS" OF
LITTLE CHILDREN WERE BROUGHT INTO AUB AS A RESULT.

2. ACCORDING TO A DAO SOURCE AND PHALANGIST VOICE OF LEBANON, A SUBSTANTION SYRIAN FORCE IS MOVING SOUTH TOWARDS BEIRUT. A LEBANESE ARMY CHECKPOINT AT NAHR IBRAHIM TOLD ARMY HEADQUARTERS A SYRIAN BRIGADE HAD PASSED MOVING SOUTH ON THE COAST ROAD.

3. SAMI KHATIB RETURNED FROM DAMASCCUS AT 1600 AND IS NOW MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS. ACCORDING TO PHALANGE POLITBURO MEMBER KARIM PAKRADOUNI, KHATIB'S MESSAGE IS THAT SYRIANS ARE READY FOR A NEW CEASE-FIRE. ACCORDING TO A LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WILL VISIT BEIRUT WITHIN TWO DAYS.

4. ARMED LEFTIST MILITIA ARE ON THE STREETS OF WEST BEIRUT. THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER AT LEAST TWO CHECKPOINTS VACATED BY THE SYRIANS.
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